

**Law procurement of coal in power generation**

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the utilization of coal by the power generation sector has been reducing for the last few years in the country;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the quantity of coal purchased by the said sector from the Coal India Ltd. (CIL) during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;
- (c) whether the said quantity is less than the annual quantity of estimated annual sale; and
- (d) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons for less procurement of coal in the power generation sector?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) No, Sir.**

(b) to (d) Offtake by power utilities from Coal India Limited sources during 2004-05 and 2005-06 was more than the estimated annual despatch target. However, offtake by power utilities from Coal India Limited sources during 2006-07 was less than the annual despatch target by about 4% on account of non-materialisation of demand, infrastructural bottlenecks, unloading constraints, transportation constraints and reluctance in building up normative level coal stocks by the power plants at their end. No generation loss has, however, been reported by any power station on account of coal shortage during 2006-07. Despatch of coal to power utilities from Coal India Limited sources during the last three years are given as under:-

(Figures in million tonnes)

Year	Target	Actual	% Satisfaction
2004-05	240.61	248.80	103.4
2005-06	255.65	256.65	100.4
2006-07 (Provisional)	272.68	261.31	95.8

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.